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832nd Medical Company soldiers and families being honored Sunday

The Wisconsin National Guard's 832nd Medical Company soldiers and their families will be honored during a Freedom Salute Campaign ceremony Sunday [Sept. 12], 9 a.m., at the Army Aviation Support Facility, 105 Trenton Road, West Bend.

The Freedom Salute Campaign is a national program started in December to publicly acknowledge Army Guard soldiers and those who supported them during their active duty mobilizations for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

During Sunday's ceremony, 37 soldiers of the 832nd Medical Company will each receive a Defender of Freedom lapel pin, a coin, an encased U.S. flag, and a Defender of Freedom certificate. Soldiers' spouses will receive a National Guard Team member lapel pin.

The 832nd Medical Company was ordered to active duty in January 2003 to provide air ambulance services to Fort Lewis, Wash. They served until January 2004 as part of Operation Noble Eagle. Approximately 40 other members of the unit, who took on the second year of this mission, remain on duty at Fort Lewis.

The Wisconsin Guard still has about 1,450 Guard members from the state serving on active duty. The balance of the Wisconsin Guard — more than 8,300 soldiers and airmen from units in 67 communities across the state — stand ready to provide a wide range of military support in the event of emergencies in Wisconsin or to protect against terrorist threats in the state.

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